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SUBJECT: TURKISH CLAIMS TO OFFSHORE AREAS

1. DSDP PROJECT HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN MESSAGE FROM THEIR AGENT IN TURKEY (OYMAN SAYER, TEL. (ANKARA 274979 - 272467) AND TEL. ISTANBUL 739332-739883): "...WE MUST REMIND YOU THE FACT THAT ALMOST MIDDLE PART OF THE BLACK SEA IS CONSIDERED TURKISH TERRITORIAL WATERS AND UNDER TPAOS CONCESSIONS". LATEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DEPT. INDICATES THAT GOT CLAIMS VARIABLE TERRITORIAL SEA TO MAXIMUM OF TWELVE MILES AND THAT GOT APPLIES PRINCIPLES OF CONTINENTAL SHELF CONVENTION (I.E., LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO DEPTH OF 200 METERS OR TO WHERE DEPTH ADMITS OF EXPLOITA-

TION OF NATURAL RESOURCES).

2. DEPT. HAS NO INFORMATION THAT WOULD INDICATE GOT CURRENTLY CLAIMS ANY OFFSHORE AREAS DEEPER THAN 200 METERS, EITHER UNDER ABOVE EXCEPTION OR WITH OTHER JUSTIFICATION. HOWEVER, DEPT. HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE BY HIFZI VELDET VELIDEDEOGLU (IN ISTANBUL CUMHURIYET OF 11 AUG 74) WHICH INDICATES THAT BOUNDARIES OF TURKISH CONTINENTAL SHELF IN AEGEAN ARE DELINEATED IN "DECREE NO 7/8594 2 JULY 1974 AND PUBLISHED IN THE RESMI GAZETE ON

18 JULY 1974." ARTICLE ALSO INDICATES THIS IS AMENDMENT TO EARLIER "RULING" PUBLISHED IN RESMI GAZETE ON 1 NOV 73.

3. IT IS REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY DETERMINE PRESENT STATUS OF GOT CLAIMS TO OFFSHORE AREAS, BOTH SEABOTTOM AND SUPERJACENT WATER COLUMN, IN BOTH AEGEAN AND BLACK SEAS. INFORMATION ON GOT CLAIMS TO SEABOTTOM IN BLACK SEA IS URGENTLY NEEDED, SINCE THIS MAY AFFECT GLOMAR CHALLENGER BLACK SEA OPERATIONS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN LATE MAY. INFORMATION ON OTHER CLAIMS IS NOT TIME-CRITICAL. KISSINGER

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